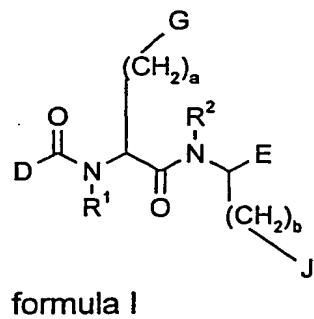


**Abstract**

Compounds of peptide mimetic nature having the general formula I



wherein a and b are independently 1 or 2, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are independently H or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, G and J are independently, inter alia, aromatics, and D and E are independently several different groups are growth hormone secretagogous with improved bioavailability.

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